

REMARKS

Response is hereby made to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2003.

Although no additional fee or extension of time is believed to be required by this Response, the Commissioner is authorized and requested provide any additional extensions of time and/or to debit any fees that may be required by this Response (including any fees for additional claims or extensions of time) from Deposit Account No. 50-2091 to avoid abandonment of this Application.

By this response, Applicant has not amended any of the pending claims. Each of the claims were rejected in the Final Office Action as non-statutory double patenting over US Patent No. 6,081,638, which issued on the parent application to the present application and is commonly assigned. Without consenting to the rejection, Applicant is providing a terminal disclaimer herewith that disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extent beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,081,638.

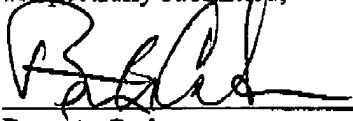
In view of this disclaimer, each of the rejections in the Final Office Action have been overcome, and all of the pending claims are therefore believed to be allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and allowance of each of the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060 or bcarlson@ifllaw.com.

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